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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Yung-Ming Chen et al.

Serial No.: 09/966,590

Art Unit: 1734

Filed: September 27, 2001

Title: Apparatus for Regulating Temperature of a Composition  
and a Method of Coating Implantable Devices

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This Response and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination address the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2003, which has a statutorily shortened period for a response that ends on April 29, 2003. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"